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In re Application of  
Roger Read et al  
Serial No.: 09/673,305  
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: PETITION DECISION TO RESTART  
: PERIOD FOR REPLY  
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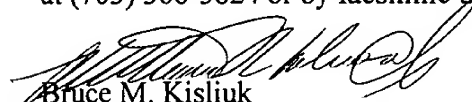
This is in response to applicant's petition under 37 CFR § 1.181, filed February 4, 2002, requesting restarting of the period for reply.

A review of the file history shows the examiner mailed a non-final Office action to applicants on December 4, 2001, setting a one month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants state that they did not receive the Office action until January 23, 2002, more than one month after the mail date thereof, and provide copies of the receipt date-stamped first page of the Office action as evidence thereof. Applicants' statement and evidence are acceptable and the period for reply will be adjusted accordingly.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

**The period for reply to the Office action mailed December 4, 2001, is hereby restarted as of applicants' date of receipt, January 23, 2002. The time period for reply remains as set therein.**

Should there be any questions regarding this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 305-7230.

  
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